



Troops to Teachers participants honored

For the past 10 years, Troops to Teachers has helped more than 7,000 military veterans begin new careers as public school teachers. Almost from the start, school administrators provided feedback that this was a group of very dedicated, committed teachers who were always willing to go the extra mile to help their students be successful. Over the years, Troops to Teachers participants have won a wide array of awards and recognition for excellence in the classroom and their positive influence on students. At least two Troops to Teachers have won the prestigious Milken Award; others have been selected for the USA Today All American Teaching Team, while many others have been recognized as Teachers of the Year for their schools and school districts. Chauncey Veatch, LTC, U.S. Army (Ret.), was the National Teacher of the Year for 2002.

For the first time, a local Chamber of Commerce chapter, realizing the valuable contribution that “Troops” are making to help prepare America’s youth to be productive citizens,

and Timothy Criner, Newport News Public Schools. In addition to a Certificate of Achievement, each received a \$100 gift certificate to the Teachers and Parents Store.

An Excellence in Teaching Award was presented to the elementary, middle, and high school teachers who had a consistent record of high student achievement and/or had made outstanding contributions to school improvement. Ms. Sharon Nelson (former Petty Officer, U.S. Navy), 5th grade teacher at the James Monroe Elementary School, Norfolk City Schools, received the



recognized Troops to Teachers participants teaching in the Hampton Roads Metropolitan Area of Virginia. The Hampton Roads Chamber of Commerce sponsored a luncheon to present awards to those military veterans nominated by their local school districts as “the best of the best.” Teachers from nine area school districts were recognized for their contributions to student achievement. They were: Joseph Oliver, Chesapeake Public Schools, James Stanley, Hampton Public Schools, Sharon Nelson, Norfolk Public Schools, Wayne Goin, Suffolk Public Schools, Kevin Keller, Portsmouth Public Schools, Frank Gross, Poquoson Public Schools, Mark Clemente, Virginia Beach Public Schools, Kevin Kilburn, York County Public Schools,

Elementary award for positive impact on student achievement. For two consecutive years, Ms. Nelson’s students passed state examinations in Reading, Writing, Math, and Science. In addition, she secured a \$75,000 Comprehensive School Reform Grant to develop comprehensive changes to school curriculum. Mr. Timothy Criner, (Lieutenant Commander, U.S. Navy, (Ret.)) Science teacher at Gildersleeve Middle School, Newport News School District was recognized by his principal as a teacher who “engages his students in hands-on/minds-on science and has a unique ability to lead by example.” The high

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Distance Learning/Certification

DANTES External Degree Catalog update

Duquesne University Now Offers Special Military Tuition Rates

Duquesne University's School of Leadership and Professional Advancement now offers special military tuition rates:

Undergraduate: \$250 per credit
Graduate: \$292 per credit

Visit <http://www.leadership.duq.edu/mil> for details.

Automotive Service Excellence (ASE) news

ASE test dates for 2005

The 2005 ASE test dates are:

- Order Deadline for May Administration: 18 March 2005
- May *Conus* Test Dates:
3, 5, 10 May 2005
- May *OConus* (Overseas) Test Dates: 9, 10, 11 May 2005

- Order Deadline for November Administration: 23 September 2005

- November *Conus* Test Dates:
10, 15, 17 November 2005

- November *OConus* (Overseas) Test Dates:
15, 16, 17 November 2005

Please consult the DANTES Certification Program Web pages for any changes in this information:
<http://www.dantes.doded.mil>.

You may send inquiries to certprog@voled.doded.mil, or call DSN 922-1360.

ASE prices increase

The ASE test fees for 2005 increased:

<u>ASE Descriptions</u>	<u>Fees</u>
Paper/Pencil Testing	\$32
Registration Fee	\$25
Regular Test Fee	\$25
Advanced Level Test Fee	\$50
Engine Machinist Discount	
Test Fee	\$38
Recertification Test Fee Cap	\$65
Late Registration Fee	\$38

Note: Recertification tests cost the same as the corresponding certification tests, subject to the fee cap.

These fee changes are effective starting with the May administration cycle and they apply to DANTES-authorized installation education centers.

Microsoft® voucher expiration

Military members who received a Microsoft® test voucher from JASZ Technology, Inc., with an expiration date of less than 2 years from the issue date, should contact the company at 800-354-3079 or fax (919) 846-9005. The issue date is the date the vouchers were purchased, not the date candidates receive them. We encourage people to contact JASZ's customer service and support section through the established Web site at <https://www.dantes-microsoft-test.com/>.

Presidents' Day: third Monday in February
First observed in 1971, Presidents' Day falls between the birthdays of Abraham Lincoln (born February 12, 1809) and George Washington (born February 22, 1732). Though created to honor *all* American presidents, many associate the holiday with these two famous leaders.



Testing

Calendar

February

4 Excelsior Extended Response (Essay)
12 LSAT

March

5-9 Praxis*

April

1 Excelsior Extended Response (Essay)
4-9 GRE Subject*
16-20 Praxis*

May

9-11 ASE (Overseas)**
3, 5, 10 ASE (Conus)**

June

3 Excelsior Extended Response (Essay)
6 LSAT
11-15 Praxis*

Notes:

Overseas test centers send orders 6 weeks before the test date. Conus test centers send orders 4 weeks before the test date. Contractors ship tests to arrive just before the planned test date.

*Select only one test date from the published period for DANTES testing and specify that date on the order form.

*Deadline for ordering ASE exams is 18 March.

http://www.dantes.doded.mil/dantes_web/library/docs/examinations/04-05cal.doc

New Thomson Prometric official transcript form

As announced in a previous *DIB* article, Thomson Prometric recently acquired Chauncey Group International, a former subsidiary of Educational Testing Service. The new military transcript form below indicates the new name of the

organization responsible for transcribing all DANTES-funded CLEP (both computer-based and paper-based test scores) and DSST test scores. Changes to other forms will follow over the course of the next several months.

THOMSON PROMETRIC
OFFICIAL MILITARY TRANSCRIPT
THOMSON PROMETRIC
P.O. BOX 6604, PRINCETON, NJ 08541-6604

DATE OF BIRTH

NAME SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER DATE OF BIRTH SERVICE BRANCH

DATE TESTED DESCRIPTION OF TEST TAKEN SUBJECT 1 SUBJECT 2 TOTAL ASE Recommended

SAT registration form reminder

For SAT testing from October 2004 through 30 June 2005, use only the **blue** 2004-2005 SAT Registration Form. If you received registration bulletins that contained a white SAT March-June 2005 Registration Form, please destroy them.

Also remember that a completed **blue** SAT registration form must accompany the SAT answer sheet sent back for scoring. The answer sheet cannot be scored without a completed SAT registration form.

Workshops/Training

TCO and Services workshop dates

Hurricane Ivan continues to cause scheduling problems for workshops in the Pensacola area. Pensacola now has limited meeting space available and we must move our February TCO Workshop to 1-3 February 2005 and our Services Workshop for March will now be 29-31 March 2005. Both workshops will be hosted at the Holiday Inn, University Mall, Pensacola, Florida. Please direct any questions to 850-452-1763 or DSN 922-1763.

Pre-conference SOC College Workshop

Servicemembers Opportunity Colleges (SOC) will conduct a College Workshop for member institutions on 7 February in conjunction with the Council of College and Military Educators' (CCME) 2005 Annual Symposium in New Orleans. The SOC College Workshop will run from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Monday, 7 February at the New Orleans Marriott, at 555 Canal Street, New Orleans. The SOC College Workshop has two goals. One is to bring college representatives up-to-date on Service-specific SOC programs. The second is to highlight ways colleges can use all SOC programs to recruit and retain students in a military market consisting of active-duty Service members, reserve component members, and veterans.

There is no cost to attend the SOC College Workshop. Round-table discussions on selected topics will occur during a light lunch provided

by SOC. Due to space limitations, workshop registration is required. Additional workshop information and the workshop registration form are available on the SOC Web site at <http://www.soc.aascu.org> or by calling SOC at 1-800-368-5622.

Servicemembers Opportunity Colleges (SOC) College Workshop

■ When: Monday, 7 February, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

■ Where: New Orleans Marriott (Meeting Room TBD)

■ 555 Canal Street, New Orleans, Louisiana

■ Held in conjunction with Council on College and Military Educator's (CCME) Annual Symposium

9 a.m.—SOC Overview:

- Principles, Criteria and Operating Guidelines
- Roles of the SOC Institutional Representative and Counselor

9:30 a.m.—SOC on the Web: Effectively Navigating SOC's Web site

9:45 a.m.—SOC Degree Network System: SOCAD, SOCCOAST, SOCMAR and SOCNAV

- How the SOC Degree Networks Work
- Two-Way Guaranteed Transferability
- Issuing Student Agreements
- Roles and Responsibilities of Member Institutions

11 a.m.—College Partnering Opportunities with SOCGuard

11:30 a.m.—Enrollment Management Strategies and ConAP

12 noon—Lunch and Learn: Round-table Discussions about current college practices and military programs

1:15 p.m.—*Awarding Credit for Military Training and Experience: An Evaluator's Primer* presented by American Council on Education, Office of Military Programs

2006 Worldwide Symposium update

The Planning Committee for the 2006 DOD Worldwide Education Symposium scheduled the week of 17-21 July in Orlando, Florida, is composed of representatives from each of the military Services and Servicemembers Opportunity Colleges. They are working hard to make the program as comprehensive and meaningful as possible.

The Symposium will incorporate a range of session types, including general sessions, practical workshops, and strategic panel discussions. Breakout sessions will be offered in tracks that focus on key concerns of voluntary education professionals.

One way the Committee is receiving input on the program is via a **Call for Presentations** taking place through 30 March 2005. Topics of interest include, but are not limited

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Counseling Resources

GI Bill pamphlets ready for order

The Defense Activity for Non-Traditional Education Support (DANTES) has four Montgomery GI Bill (MGIB) pamphlets and one Post-Vietnam Era Veterans' Educational Assistance (VEAP) pamphlet available for order from the DANTES Distribution Center.

The two **Active Duty** pamphlets are:

- Stock # 2406 - *The Montgomery GI Bill Active Duty - What You Need to Know As You Leave Active Duty*, The Quick Series, spiral bound
- Stock # 2408 - *The Montgomery GI Bill - Active Duty VA Pamphlet 22-90-2*, red cover

The two **Selected Reserve** pamphlets are:

- Stock # 2417 - *The Montgomery GI Bill - Selected Reserve VA Pamphlet 22-90-3*, blue cover
- Stock # 2418 - *The Montgomery GI Bill - Selected Reserve*, The Quick Series, spiral bound

Any of these may be ordered by sending a completed DANTES Material Request Form to the DANTES Distribution Center (address is on the back of the form). Each of these items has an annual maximum order limit of 500 copies. If more are needed, please e-mail refpubs@voled.doded.mil with the quantity and DANTES ID number.

These publications are also online:

<http://www.gibill.va.gov/education/c30pam.htm> (Active

Duty) <http://www.gibill.va.gov/education/c1606pam.htm> (Selected Reserve)

The VEAP pamphlet is:

- Stock # 2407 – Summary of Educational Benefits Under VEAP, the Post-Veterans' Educational Assistance Program (VEAP), VA Pamphlet 22-79-1

VEAP eligible personnel entered active duty after 31 December 1976 and before 1 July 1985. Since it is estimated that only 1,000 personnel who are still serving on active duty and may be eligible, a limited number of copies are available. The annual maximum order limit of 5 copies. If more are needed, e-mail refpubs@voled.doded.mil with the quantity and DANTES ID number. It is also online at <http://www.gibill.va.gov/education/c32pam.htm>.

Information on the new education benefits for Activated Reservists is located online at <http://www.gibill.va.gov>.

Holland Self-Directed Search easy to interpret

Are you looking for an assessment instrument that does not require an education counselor to be on site to interpret the assessment? There is one assessment called Holland Self-Directed Search that may fit your needs. It is simple-to-use, self-administered, self-scored, and self-interpreted. It helps the client find the occupation that best suits the client's interests and abilities. It contains categories of types of occupations, such as Realist, Investigative, Artistic, Conventional, Social, and Enterprising.

After the client takes the assessment, his/her answers will result in a 3-letter code, such as ASC (Artistic, Social Conventional.) Then these codes are matched to occupations found in the book called the Occupations Finder. These are the occupations the client may wish to consider in the future or occupations similar to those listed.

The time frame to take this assessment and interpret the reasons: about 30 minutes. If you are interested in ordering these test booklets, use your DANTES Catalog of Materials to see the listing of all the products that fall under Holland. The basic assessment tool is stock #1152 and 200 a year may be ordered. The Occupation Finder is stock #1153 with a limitation of 200 a year as well. Should you have questions on this assessment tool, e-mail counseling@voled.doded.mil, the e-mail address for DANTES' Counselor Support Program Manager.

A common source

by MGySgt James O'Keefe, DANTES Special Enlisted Advisor



MGySgt O'Keefe

When you consider the scope of our collective VolEd communities including Army, Marine Corps, Navy, Air Force,

Coast Guard, Army National Guard, Army Reserve, Marine Corps Reserve, Navy Reserve, Air National Guard, Air Force Reserve, and Coast Guard Reserve, I think Mr. Gary Woods, Director of the Educational Opportunities Directorate, said it best. "We belong to the largest academic campus in the world—DOD Voluntary Education." This common thread is highlighted by the support you provide to Service members throughout the world every day. Another connection is the authority under which we operate.



Q: Where can DOD policy-level information and source documents be found in one location?

A: At the VolEd Homepage. The VolEd Homepage contains information on the VolEd leadership within the respective Services and details the programs and services to be provided through DOD VolEd. As stated at the site, "The Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness (OUSD P&R) provides overall policy guide-

lines for voluntary education programs in the Department of Defense. These responsibilities are accomplished through the Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Military Community and Family Policy, by the Chief, Continuing Education, in the Educational Opportunities Directorate." I encourage you to visit the VolEd Homepage. During your *frequent* visits to the DANTES Homepage at <http://www.dantes.doded.mil>, click on the upper left button, "OUSD (P&R)" to visit the VolEd Homepage at <http://www.voled.doded.mil>. Reviewing policy changes and information at the DOD level makes evident our common denominator across all Services. Ultimately, when it comes to supporting our Service members, we operate from a common source.

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school award was presented to Mr. Mark Clemente (Lieutenant, U.S. Navy, (Ret.)) Chemistry teacher at Ocean Lakes High School, Virginia Beach City Schools. His students and other faculty members recognize him as a teacher who cares passionately about his subject and the achievement of each student. Mr. Clemente also received the Teacher of the Year Award from the Virginia Beach City Schools for 2003.

The Virginia Association of School Personnel Administrators, along with the Virginia Troops to Teachers office, participated in selecting the winners. In addition to a trophy, they received gifts from local businesses and each of their respective schools

received a \$500 grant. Mr. Joseph Donnelly, Chairman of the Regional Board of Directors for Hampton Roads Chamber of Commerce and Dr. Thomas Elliott, Assistant Superintendent, Division of Teacher Education and Licensure, Virginia Department of Education presented the awards.

Speaking at the event was The Honorable Robert F. McDonnell Virginia House of Delegates 84th District, a retired U.S. Army Reserve Lieutenant Colonel. He emphasized the importance of public education and the need to assure all students received the education necessary to take their place as contributing members of American society. He

also praised the outstanding contributions of our military forces and thanked those who served honorably and are now "Proud to Serve Again" as teachers in our public schools.

The Troops To Teachers Awards Luncheon was held on Veterans Day Thursday, 11 November, at The Founders Inn, Norfolk, Virginia. The Hampton Roads Chamber of Commerce is a member-based business organization committed to creating economic opportunity and prosperity for all of Hampton Roads. The Chamber fosters regional economic and workforce development, promotes a healthy business climate through public policy initiatives, and provides services to its business members.

to:

- Issues in Higher Education
- Distance Learning
- Emerging Technologies
- Leadership/Management
- Innovative Partnerships

- Military Service Initiatives
- Testing, Certification, and Licensure

You can submit your proposal for a session, workshop, or a panel discussion using the instructions

available at a link on the DANTES Home Page at <http://www.dantes.doded.mil>. If you have any ideas you would like to share with the committee, please contact Betty Keese, Symposium Chairperson, at (850) 452-1884, DSN 922-1732, or via e-mail at call4presentations@voled.doded.mil.

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